



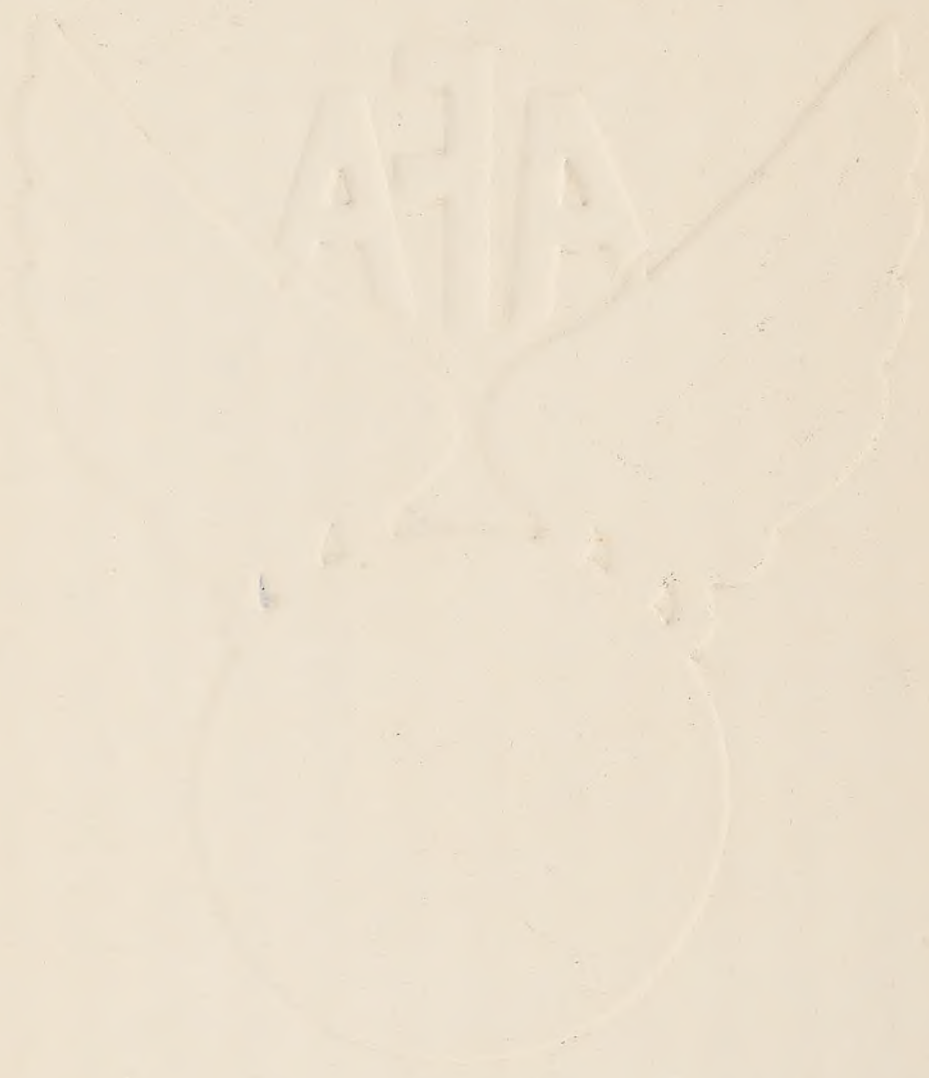
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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION:

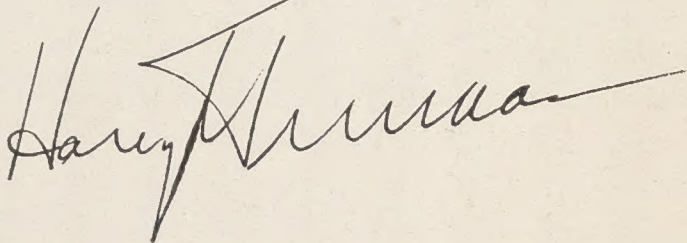
During the second World War the capabilities of aerial warfare were developed to produce a military force of great power. The destruction that our Air Force wrought upon the sources of our enemies' armed strength and in support of our ground and sea attacks was essential to our victory.

Air power is increasingly important to the security of our nation. We have called upon our Air Force to assume a task equal to that of the older armed forces in preserving our liberties and insuring peace. There is no charge of higher honor or of greater responsibility than that given to our airmen.

Members of our Air Force, past and present, have joined the Air Force Association to assist in the development of American air power. They are in union for high public purpose.

I am happy therefore to greet the Association assembled at Columbus, Ohio, in its first national convention. I congratulate you and the membership you represent on the good work you have already accomplished. I wish you continued success in furthering throughout the nation an understanding of our Air Force and its mission.

It is my hope that the Air Force Association will prosper and will persist in its support of American air power adequate to maintain a lasting peace.





JAMES H. DOOLITTLE

A veteran of both wars, Jimmy Doolittle has been in the forefront of American aviation and air science since he first grasped a stick for his first solo. Well-remembered by the American people for his famous attack on Tokyo on April 18, 1942, General Doolittle's most notable wartime effort was as Commanding General of the 8th Air Force when that powerful attack unit helped defeat Germany in history's first great strategic air effort.

J. H. DOOLITTLE
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Fellow Members:

It has been only a brief time since we were dispersed around the globe, held together by the knowledge of a job to be done and hopefully anticipating a day when peace would be insured. Now we are assembled anew, held together by the tradition of kindred service and the existence of the hard fact that we cannot let down our guard until the peace we want is won.

My cordial greetings are extended to each of you and my sincere appreciation for your splendid response to the rallying appeal of the Air Force Association. It has been a pleasure to serve as your first president.

It is your Association. This is your convention. Yours is the opportunity to shape its future course and expand its membership and beneficial influence.

We come to our first convention with more than 100,000 members and scores of local Squadrons throughout the country. We have the official endorsement and hearty support of the United States Army Air Force.

Grave problems beset our nation and our Air Forces as we enter upon this convention and in the months to follow. May we have the wisdom, the courage, and the desire to see them through.

Sincere best.

President





THOMAS J. HERBERT
Governor, State of Ohio



JAMES RHODES
Mayor, City of Columbus

Greetings

To the Members of the
Air Force Association:

As Governor of Ohio and a member of your splendid organization, I am happy to extend a cordial welcome to our country's gallant airmen, and to welcome you to Columbus, the state capital, for your first annual reunion.

Your Association, as I see it, has a two-fold purpose. Not only do you seek to perpetuate the spirit of comradeship engendered by common experiences during World War I and II, but you are determined also to weld yourselves into an effective instrument for peace throughout the world.

All Ohio is proud that you have come to this state, which has played such a tremendous part in the development of aviation, for your first meeting. Personally, I look forward with anticipation to the opportunity of greeting many of my friends and comrades.

Sincerely yours,
THOMAS J. HERBERT,
Governor of Ohio

To the Members of
Air Force Association.

It is indeed a happy privilege for me, as Mayor of Columbus, to extend a word of friendly greeting to the members of the Air Force Association.

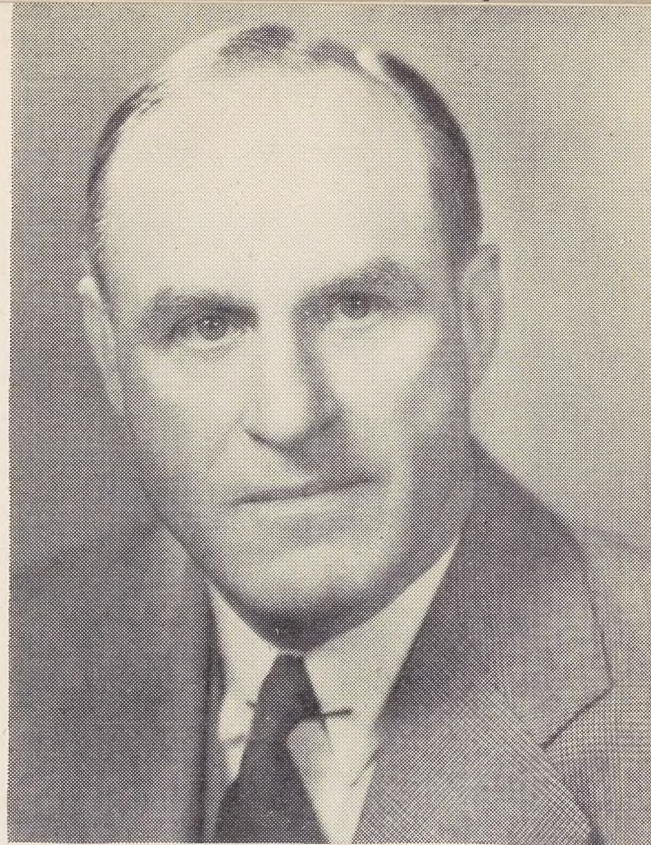
The brave and valiant deeds of the Army Air Forces have been enshrined indelibly on the pages of history, and it is my earnest wish that your stay here in Columbus will be as indelibly and permanently fixed in your hearts on this, the occasion of your first annual convention, and that the experience of this convention will be most pleasantly associated in your memory in the years to come.

The friendly hospitality of this city is at your disposal. We assure you of a sincere welcome.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES A. RHODES,
Mayor of Columbus

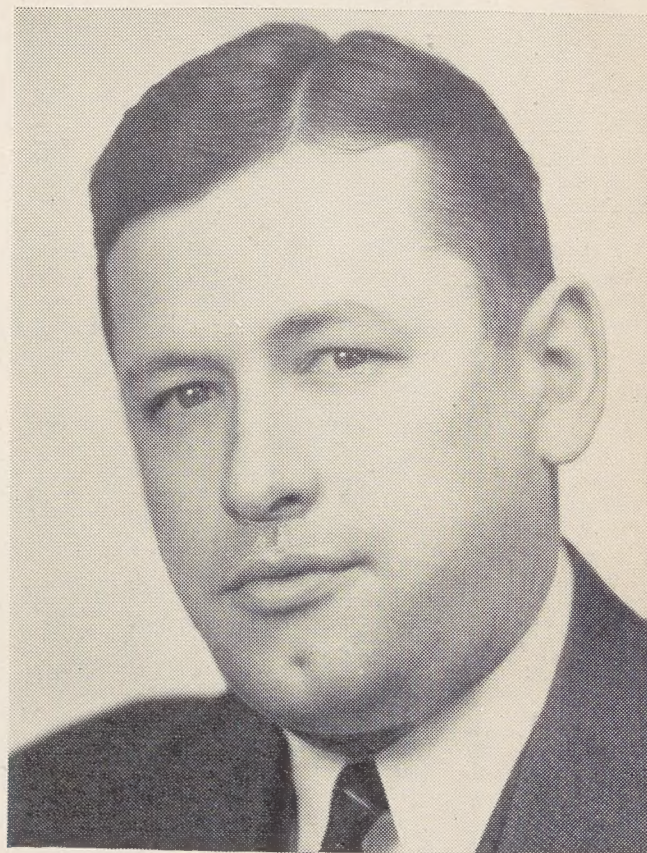
National Directors from Ohio

A graduate of University School of Cleveland and of Harvard University, "Al" Weatherhead distinguished himself in college by playing All-American football. Along came World War I, and Mr. Weatherhead went to Officers' Candidate School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison. Following a parallel career with his pal, Tom Herbert—now Governor of Ohio—he transferred to Signal Corps Aviation. Herbert went to combat flying in France and Weatherhead to Italy, where he flew Capronis and, later, Spads, with outstanding success. Back in business life, his firm, The Weatherhead Co., manufacturing airplane and automotive parts, found itself in a key spot at the outbreak of World War II. The business—and Mr. Weatherhead—contributed greatly to the success of A.A.F. activities during the war, and was an integral part in the armament setup.



ALBERT J. WEATHERHEAD, JR.

"Johnny" Biehn, a national director of A.F.A., has served as "executive officer" to General Chairman Dick Wolfe, in making the first annual convention of Air Force Association a success and one to remember. In this job his work has been laborious and his hours have been long, a parallel to his life as a private in the Army Air Forces during World War II. A newspaperman for many years, specializing in political writing, Mr. Biehn left that profession to become a banker. He is now a vice president of the Ohio National Bank in Columbus.



JOHN P. BIEHN

Military Host

As military host to the Air Force Association's first annual convention, General Twining will greet the many distinguished officers and civilians who will be in Columbus for the occasion. A veteran of the Mexican border and World War I, General Twining's first Regular Army assignment was to the infantry, but in 1924 he transferred to air. During World War II he served as head, at various times, of the 13th AAF, of all aircraft in the Solomon Islands, the 15th AAF in Italy and the 20th Air Force. He is now Commanding General of the Air Materiel Command.



LT. GEN. NATHAN F. TWINING



Welcome Ladies

To the Ladies of the A.F.A. (Gallant Gals, All!)
To you, who sat at home for five long years, and
waited, and wondered, and worried: We salute you!
We promise you, who have accompanied your
husbands to this convention, not to bore you with
long-winded discussions of camshafts, fifties, the
landing strip at Lae or the price of wine at Foggia.
You've heard too much of that in the last two
years. We hope you enjoy your stay in Columbus.
We hope, in fact, that you will have just as good
a time as we will.

(Signed) The Gang.



MRS. METTA STEVERS

Mrs. Stevers, daughter of Governor Thomas J. Herbert, is the First Lady of the Ohio Governor's Mansion. The wife of a former captain in the Army Medical Service who served overseas, Mrs. Stevers presides as hostess at all important state functions. She is Honorary Chairman of the A.F.A. Convention Ladies' Committee.

*Supreme
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Justice*



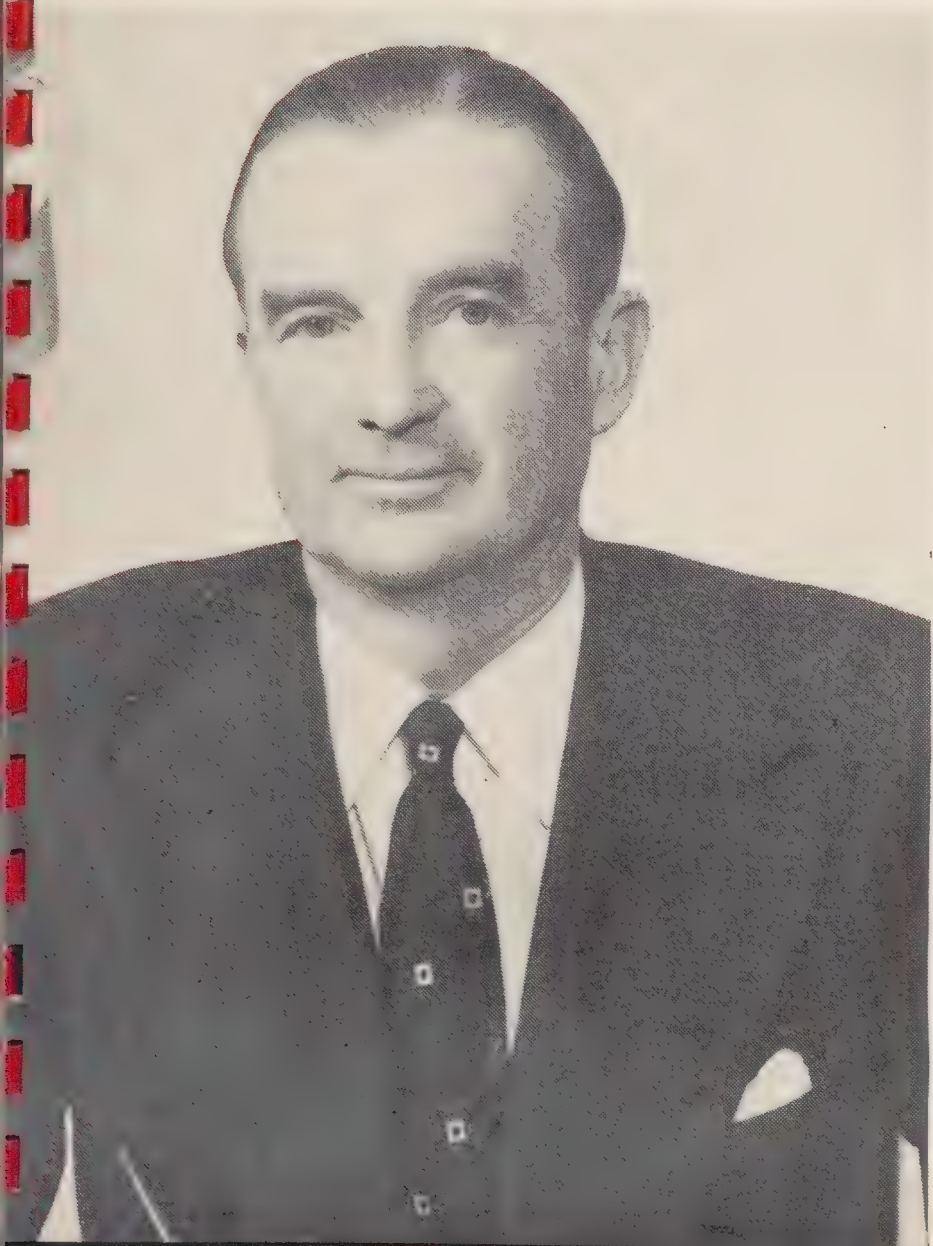
U. S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson

The man who served as Chief Justice at the Nuernburg trial of Hitler's top Nazi henchman, Robert H. Jackson will be key speaker at the Air Force Association's convention. He will address the Tuesday night banquet. Seven years after Justice Jackson went to Washington as general counsel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, he was appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court. Before that time he was almost completely unknown outside of his locality, Jamestown, N. Y. As Solicitor General and later Attorney General in President Roosevelt's cabinet, he personally argued before the Supreme Court many of the top-ranking cases involving constitutionality of prized "New Deal" legislation. Most of them he won, including test cases of the Wagner Labor Act and the federal Social Security legislation. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1941.

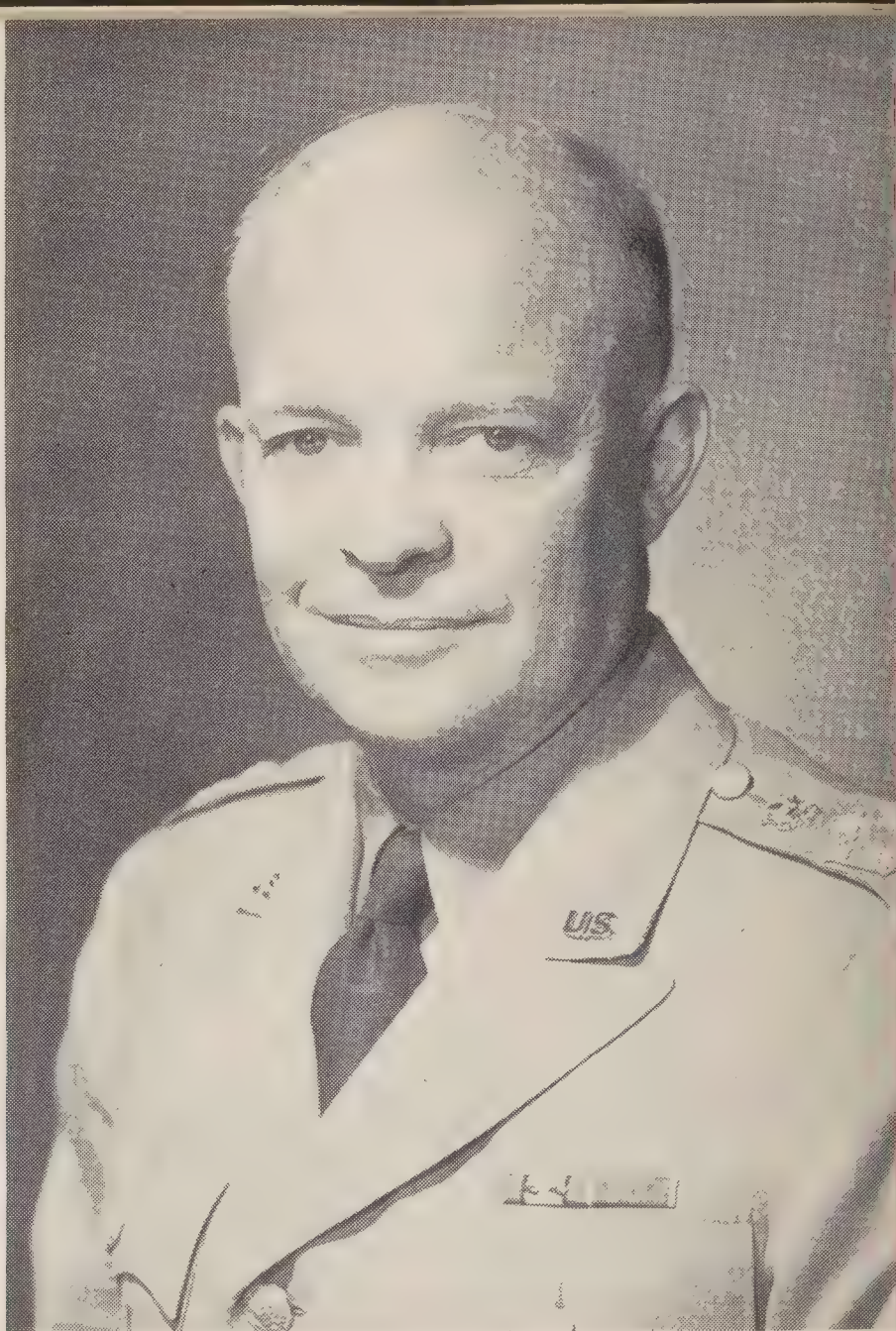
Secretary of the Air Force

An industrialist who now holds one of the most important posts in Army aviation, Mr. Symington is a native of Massachusetts and a veteran of World War I. Like President Truman, he served in the Field Artillery. Starting out a career in steel, Mr. Symington's first serious contact with aviation came when he was sent to Great Britain to study armament production early in 1941. He returned to build the world's largest aerial armament plant, the Emerson operation in St. Louis. Before taking his present position he was administrator of the Surplus Property Board.

W. Stuart Symington
Secretary of the Air Force.



General of the Army



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

"General Ike," the man who led America to victory in Europe as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces, has long been an advocate of military air power. General Eisenhower took examinations for both West Point and Annapolis, and but for a quirk of fate, might have landed in the Navy. He was named Commanding General in the European Theater in 1941, and in December, 1943, Supreme Commander. He is now Chief of Staff, United States Army.

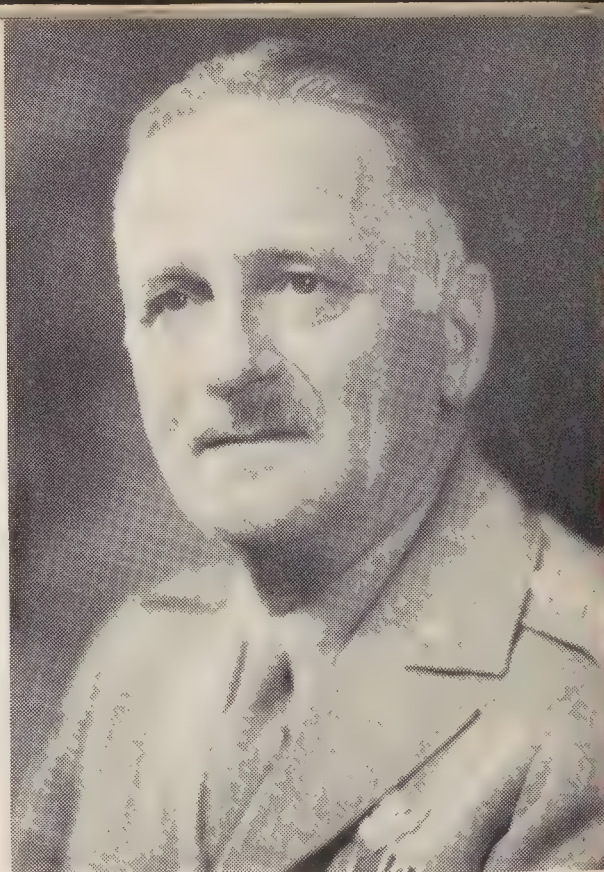
General of the Army



HENRY H. ARNOLD

One of the real pioneers of military flying, General "Hap" Arnold learned to fly the Wright Signal Corps biplane in Dayton in only two months, 36 years ago. He was the first Mackay Trophy winner, in 1912 (and 1934, also), and has many other "firsts" to his credit. During World War I General Arnold was in the Office of the Director of Military Aeronautics. He became chief of the Army Air Forces on June 30, 1941, and in March, 1942, Commanding General of the AAF.

A far-seeing exponent of military air power, General Spaatz tested and proved his pet theories, first in the desert campaign in Africa, then in the strategic bombing that leveled Germany's war plants, and finally with the B-29 Superfortresses which flew against Japan. "Tooe" Spaatz flew with the First Aero Squadron against Villa in Mexico, and later, was credited with shooting down three Fokker planes in the first war against Germany. He was made Commanding General of the Army Air Forces in February, 1946.



General Carl A. Spaatz

General George C. Kenney

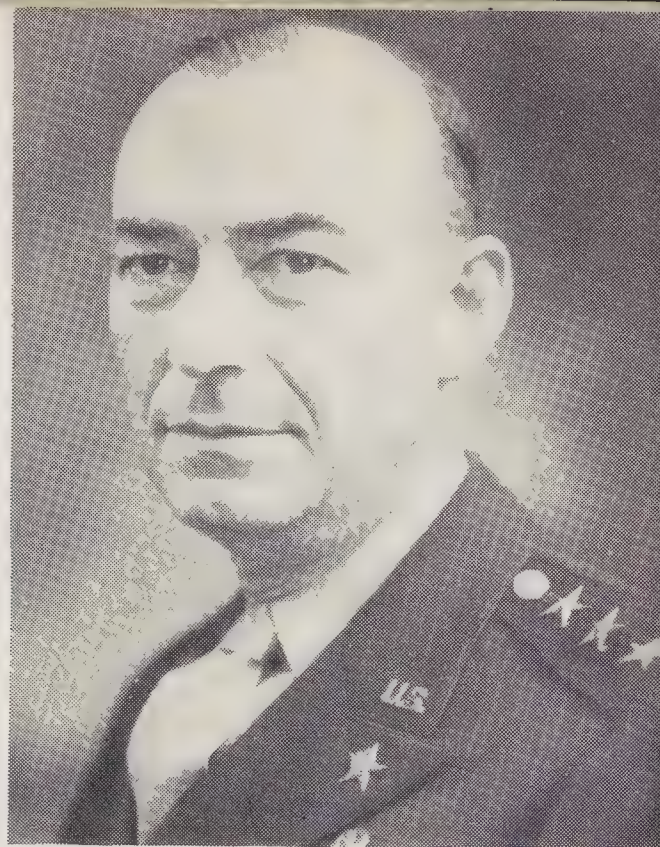


He's the "daddy" of skip-bombing, lob-bombing, parachute bombs, B29 noses that bristled with a dozen .50 caliber machine guns, and various other features that made life a hell for the Jap in the Pacific. General Kenney flew 75 missions in World War I, shot down two German planes and was shot down himself. In the late war he was given command of Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific with assets of 10 serviceable Fortresses and a handful of fighters. Adopting the motto: "Hell, let's try it!" the eventual results showed him to be one of the outstanding generals in the AAF.



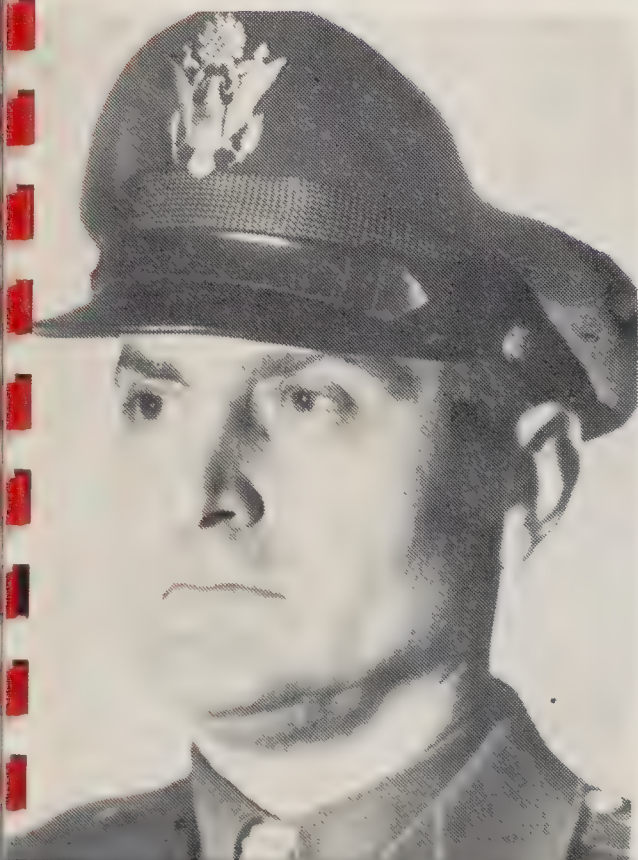


General McNarney's initial assignment was infantry, but the infant Signal Corps Aviation branch claimed him in 1916. He saw combat duty during World War I in France. At the outbreak of World War II he was in London. After various staff positions General McNarney was designated Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean Theater, and Commanding General of U. S. Army Forces in that theater. In December, 1945, he succeeded General Eisenhower as Commanding General of our forces in Europe and Commander-in-Chief of U. S. Forces of Occupation in Germany. General McNarney now holds the vital position of senior member of the Military Staff Committee, United Nations.



Gen. Joseph T. McNarney

Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker



The man whose Flying Fortresses and B24s smashed Fortress Germany, General Eaker's ticket in World War II was a tough one—to establish that high altitude bombing in daylight was feasible. How well he carried out his job is now history. An Army flyer since the early days of World War I, this officer's career parallels the history of Army aviation. With General Arnold, General Eaker has collaborated on three books on flying. He retired from the Army Air Forces June 15 as Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Air Staff.



Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg

One of the younger officers to reach the three-star rank, General Vandenberg was a West Point graduate in 1923, and has spent almost 23 years in the Army Air Forces. He is a native of Milwaukee. At the beginning of the war General Vandenberg was on the Air Staff in Washington. He went to the 12th Air Force, and in August, 1944, assumed command of the 9th Air Force. He flew many combat missions over Tunisia, Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria. General Vandenberg is now Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Air Staff.

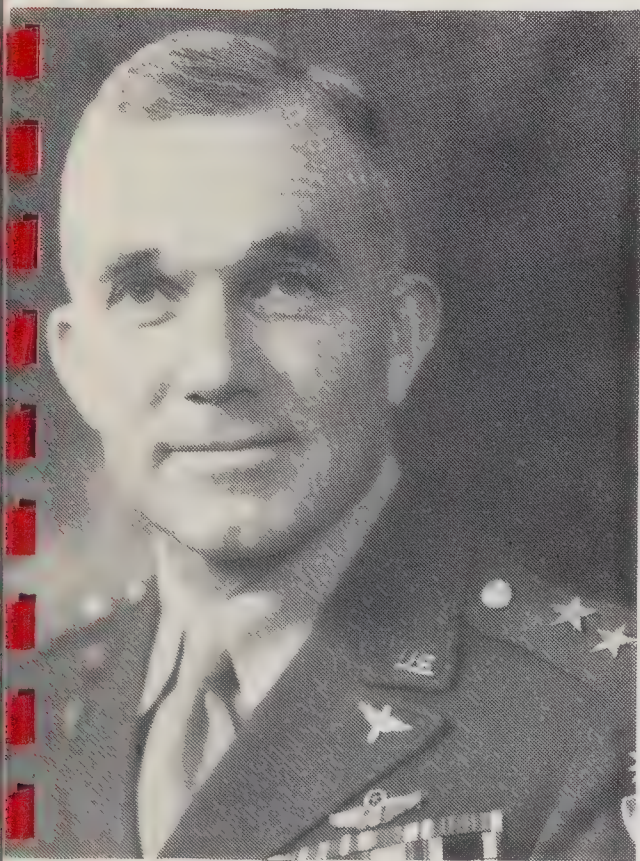


Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Hanley, Jr.

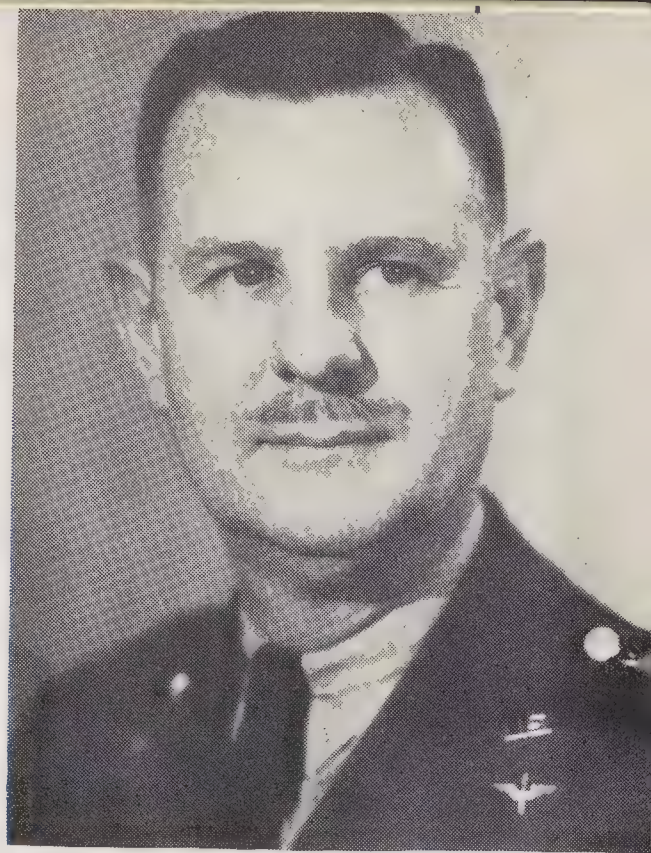


A native of Coshocton, Ohio, General Hanley was rated Junior Military Aviator back in the time when only 40 other officers were designated as pilots. In World War I he trained young warbirds. Back in the days of Billy Mitchell, Tommy Milling and Billy Sherman, General Hanley was in on the battleship bombing tests off the Virginia Capes. His assignments in World War II included the job of A-4 in Washington, Commanding General of Eastern Flying Training Command and in 1944, C.G. of C.B.I. He is now Commanding General of the 11th Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson



An important position is that of General Davidson's, that of director of the Army Air Forces Aid Society. He is another ex-infantryman who took to the air—way back in 1916. He saw border duty and when the first World War broke, saw active service in France. In World War II General Davidson held several jobs successfully, among which were Commanding General of the 7th Air Force, the 7th Fighter Command, the AAF Technical Training Command, Mississippi Delta Area, and finally, the 10th Air Force.



Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer

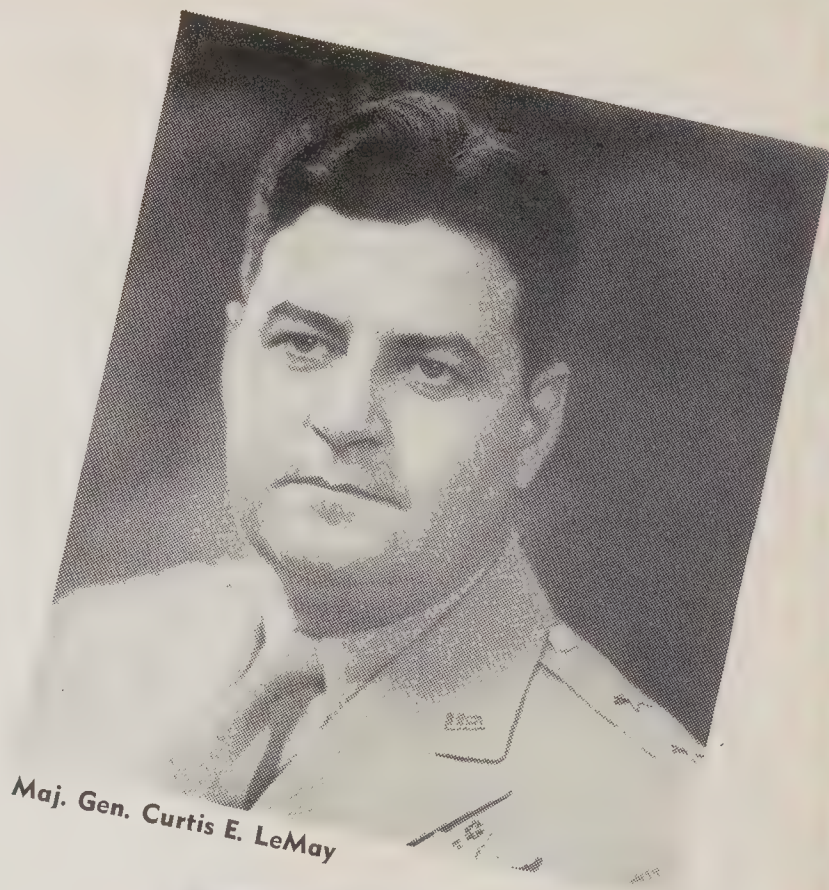
General Stratemeyer is no stranger to the Buckeye State. Born in Cincinnati, one of his earliest Army assignments (1917) was to organize and command the School of Military Aeronautics at Ohio State University in Columbus. At the beginning of World War II this officer was in Washington. It was in August, 1943, that he became Comanding General of the India-Burma Sector. Later he was designated Air Commander, Eastern Air Command, and then Commanding General of Air Defense Command.



Columbus, Ohio, is "back home" for General LeMay, as he was born here some 40 years ago and attended Ohio State University. He enlisted in the Regular Army as a Flying Cadet in 1928 and was commissioned two years later. General LeMay was at Langley Field at the time of Pearl Harbor, and it wasn't until 1944 that he went abroad with the 8th Air Force. He later became Commanding General of the XXI Bomber Command in Marianas and started raising a rumpus on the island of Nippon with his B29 squadrons. General LeMay is now Deputy Chief of Air Staff for Research and Development.



Since General Craigie went in the AAF in 1923 his work has mainly been in the engineering division. In fact, he has held just about every important assignment in that branch. During the early years of the war General Craigie, who is a native of New Hampshire, had various defense commands in this country. In March, 1944, he became Commanding General of the 63rd Fighter Wing, 12th Air Force, in the North African Theater. He is now back at his first love, and is Chief of the Research and Engineering Division, A|A.F. Headquarters.



Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay



Maj. Gen. Laurence C. Craigie



Maj. Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw

Another A.A.F. officer who is a native Ohioan, General Chidlaw is one of the foremost jet propulsion experts in the world. A 1922 graduate of the Military Academy, he held a number of responsible positions concerned with experiment and development up until the war. He was, by the way, one of the group of pilots who first service-tested the B17. General Chidlaw was directed to develop a jet-propelled fighter aircraft in 1941, and in less than a year and a month produced a successful airplane of this type. He was named Commanding General of the 12th Air Force in April, 1945, and is now Deputy Commanding General of Air Materiel Command.



Maj. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, Jr.

Almost everyone knows him as "Rosy" O'Donnell. He was one of the "lost souls" who were caught in the Philippines at the outbreak of World War II, but successfully fought his B17 unit all the way to Java, via Bataan and Mindanao. In 1943 he was named Commanding General of the 73rd Bomb Wing, an organization that he trained and led to Saipan. At the head of his thundering B29s, "Rosy" led the first Superfort attack on Tokyo in November, 1944. General O'Donnell is now Director of Information, A.A.F.

When you say "The General" in Columbus, it usually means "Bob" Beightler, as he's been identified with the Capital City for many years. A native Ohioan, General Beightler was an infantryman with the 42nd (Rainbow) Division in World War I. He stayed in the Ohio National Guard throughout the years, and at the outbreak of World War II (he was then State Highway Director) he was chosen to lead the 37th O.N.G. Division. General Beightler is the only National Guard general officer in the Army who trained his division, led it into battle, commanded it during all of its campaigns, and brought it back home after the war. "Beightler's Battlin' . . . tards" (as they called themselves) made up almost entirely of Ohio guardsmen, did valiant work at New Georgia, Bougainville and on Luzon. Remember Pvt. Rodger Young? He was one of seven men in the 37th to win Congressional Medals of Honor. General Beightler is now on General Eisenhower's staff.



A graduate of Bucknell and Drew universities, Chaplain Carpenter entered the Army in 1936. He is a Methodist, and at the time of his enlistment was pastor of Union Church, Federalsburg, Md. He subsequently served in New York, the Canal Zone, and at the outbreak of World War II was at Langley Field. He was Air Chaplain, Headquarters A.A.F., from 1942 to 1944, then Staff Chaplain, Headquarters A.A.F. in Europe, until 1945. His present assignment is Air Chaplain, Headquarters, A.A.F.



Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler



Chaplain (Colonel) Charles I. Carpenter



Mary E. Gill

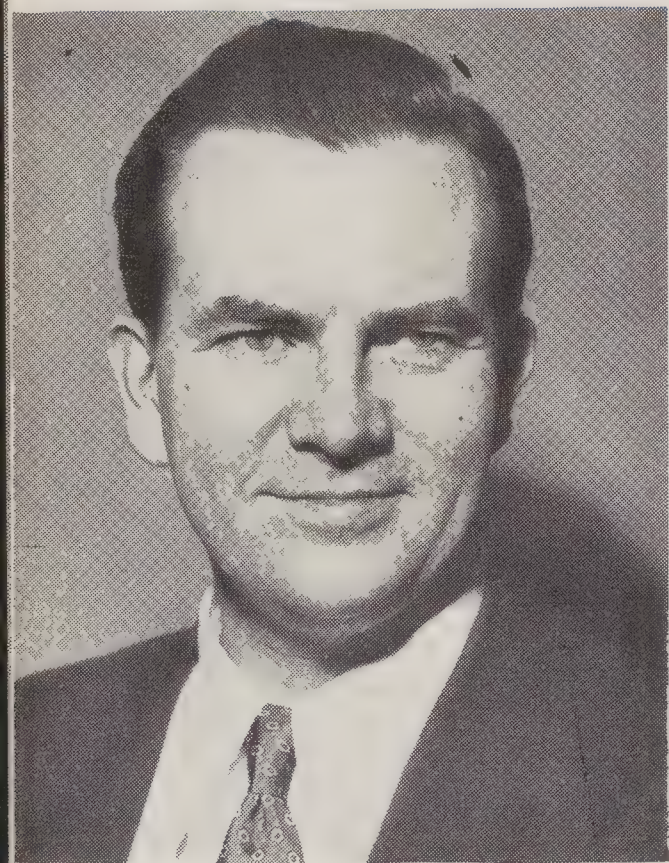


The Air-WACs—the girls who sat behind the desks, wielded greasy wrenches, tore down and reassembled balky radios, and otherwise worked shoulder to shoulder with the men—have an important part in the Air Force Association. Typifying the Air-WACs is Mary E. Gill, formerly a Warrant Office (jg) with the 8th Air Force. She was General Doolittle's secretary during the war and now, in civilian life, she still holds down that important position. Between time, Miss Gill has found time to organize an active Air-WAC Squadron A.F.A. in New York City, which is 125 strong.



Jacqueline Cochran

A three-time winner of the Harmon Trophy and the outstanding woman aviator in the world, Miss Cochran has been smashing distance, altitude and speed marks and competing with men flyers ever since she first soloed in 1932. She has also successfully combined a big cosmetic business with aviation, and made it pay very satisfactory dividends. Miss Cochran was the first woman ferry pilot during World War II and many months before this country started hostilities she was piloting huge bombers to England via the northern Atlantic route. She received the Distinguished Service Medal for her work in organizing and directing the WASPs, which did valiant duty in ferrying and testing planes of all types during the war.



Milton Caniff

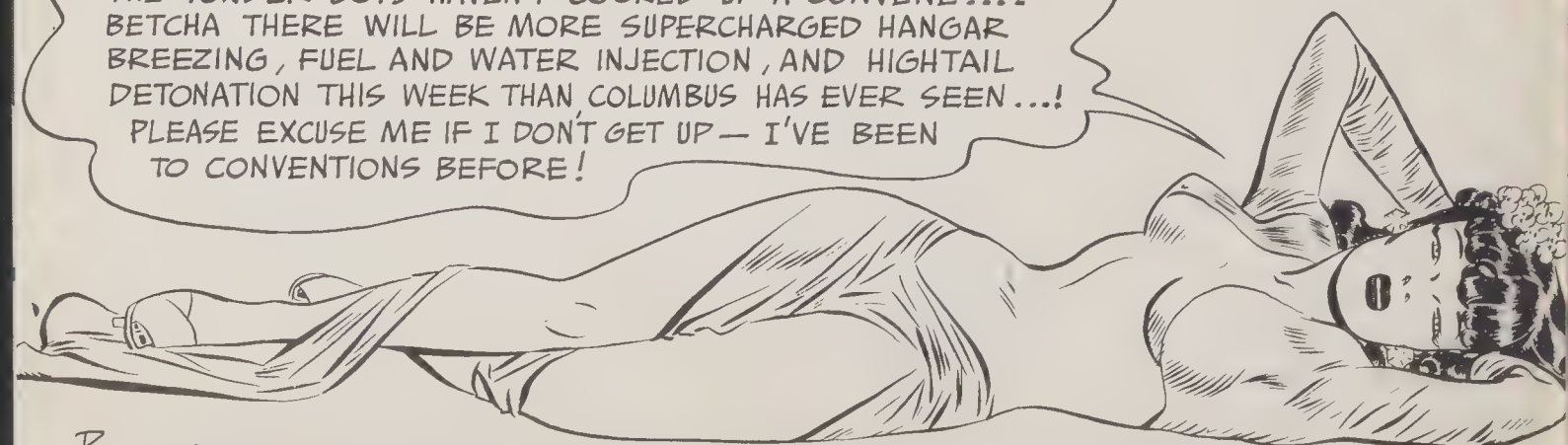
See the cover on this program? Yep, Milt did it! See the "Miss Lace"? Yep, Milt did it. Milt's contacts with the Army Air Forces before and during the war were so numerous that he is probably an authority on a lot of aerial details you lads only consider vaguely. But that's his job, as Caniff is a cartoonist, the creator of "Terry and the Pirates," "Male Call" and "Steve Canyon". A Hillsboro, Ohio, boy, Milton graduated from Ohio State University and worked for a time on the Columbus Dispatch before going to New York and fame. He's a first-hand pal to hundreds of A.A.F. enlisted men and officers.



Miss Lace

She was the Yum-Yum Girl of World War II, the lucious, curvacious and tempting Pin-up Girl to end all pin-ups. When Milt Caniff created "Miss Lace" and aimed her at G.I. tastes he had no idea she would be so popular. Woo-woo! "Miss Lace" rode in cockpits over Tokyo; she adorned foxholes in Italy; she was illuminated by star shells at Iron Bottom Bay; she went ashore in tanks at Omaha Beach. What a girl! When the war ended, "Miss Lace" bowed out, saying: "I'll be seeing you; maybe again, maybe never. But if the need comes, I'll be back."

WELL, SQUEEZE ME AND CALL ME ROCKET BUTTON — IF THE YONDER BOYS HAVEN'T COOKED UP A CONVE...! BETCHA THERE WILL BE MORE SUPERCHARGED HANGAR BREEZING, FUEL AND WATER INJECTION, AND HIGHTAIL DETONATION THIS WEEK THAN COLUMBUS HAS EVER SEEN...! PLEASE EXCUSE ME IF I DON'T GET UP — I'VE BEEN TO CONVENTIONS BEFORE!



Best wishes to the GANG AT THE FIRST AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, with the best regards of *Lace*, MALE CALL and

MILTON
CANIFF

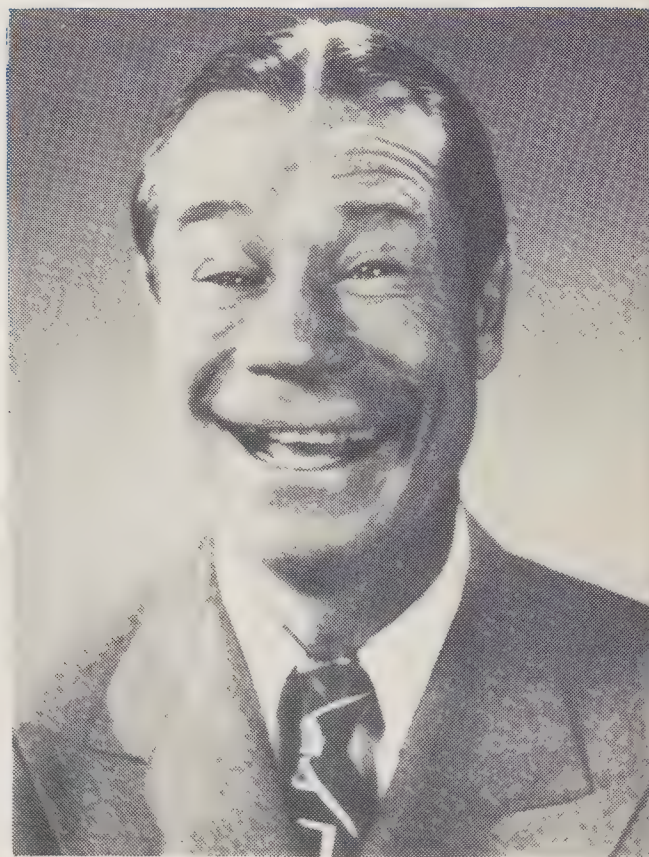


"A solid soldier" was the observation made on Jimmy Stewart, after this motion picture star joined the Army Air Forces. Those who worked with him and for him found that he left his fame and Hollywood reputation strictly in the background, and turned his attention to the work ahead. Jimmy enlisted as a Cadet in 1942, and with the 8th Air Force took part in attacks on some of the toughest targets in Europe. He ended the war a colonel, Chief of Staff of the 2nd Combat Wing, 8th Air Force. Stewart is a director of the Air Force Association.



James M. Stewart

"The man with the mouth" has a long background of war service, although he was a civilian. As a U.S.O. player Joe saw action on many fronts, and played shows so close to the enemy lines that the Japs watched, also. He spent several nights crawling from foxhole to foxhole at Bougainville, giving one-man shows and at Guadalcanal, once climbed a tree and gave a personal performance for a sentry. Joe is a native of Ohio and lost his only son in Army Air Force service.



Joe E. Brown

If there is a "first" in American military aviation, it is surely General Lahm, who is the earliest living certified American airplane pilot (after Orville Wright), with Federation Aeronautique Internationale American Certificate No. 2 (the late Glenn Curtiss held No. 1), issued in 1909. He also holds Expert Airplane Certificate No. 15 (1913), Balloon Pilot No. 4, and Airship Pilot No. 2, both of 1908. Four years after his graduation from the Military Academy in 1901, General Lahm went to France to study aeronautics and qualified as an aeronaut. In 1906 he won the first Gordon Bennett Balloon Race in Europe. He was named Chief of the U. S. Army Aeronautical Division in 1908, and with Foulois and Selfridge received instruction on the Wright biplane when accepted by the Army in July of that year. He flew with Orville Wright Sept. 9, 1908, when the first hour-long flight was ever made, and he was the first passenger to go aloft. Wilbur Wright taught him principles of flying also, and General Lahm soloed in the Wright plane after three hours and seven minutes of dual instruction. In 1917 he had a distinguished record in France.



"Everybody knows Rick!" Well—if anybody doesn't know "Rick" they probably know a lot about him, as Mr. Rickenbacker has been a potent force in American aviation for three decades. A native of Columbus, Ohio, he started as an auto racer. During the first war he was General Pershing's chauffeur, and then entered the Air Forces. Commanding his famous "Uncle Sam's Hat-in-the-Ring" squadron, he was the ranking American combat pilot. His almost fatal crash in Georgia, his services to the A.A.F. cause during World War II, and his experiences as a cast-away in the Pacific are all well known, and testify to his staunchness and courage. Mr. Rickenbacker is the president of Eastern Air Lines, and is also president of the Army Air Forces Aid Society.



Brig. Gen. Frank P. Lahm



Edward V. Rickenbacker

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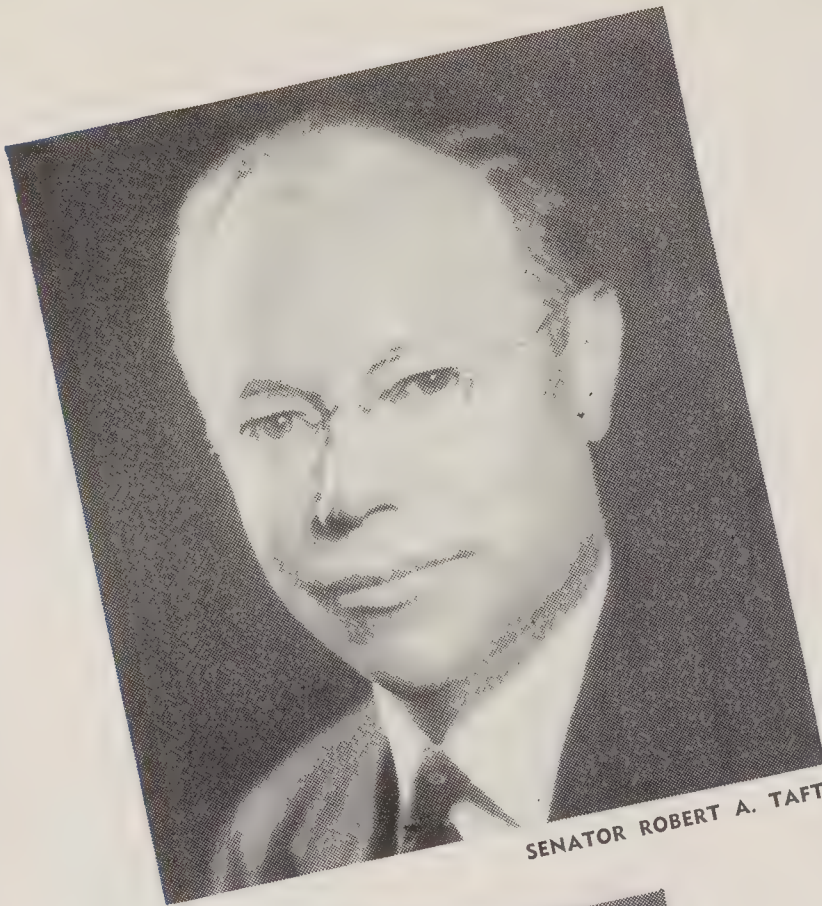
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Guests



SENATOR ROBERT A. TAFT

Senior Senator from Ohio, Robert A. Taft of Cincinnati is a significant figure in today's governmental affairs. Son of the late President and Chief Justice William Howard Taft, Senator Taft's birth and training have pointed him clearly to the important position he now holds in the affairs of our nation. During World War I he was assistant counsel to the Food Administration. He served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1921 to 1926 and in the Ohio Senate in 1931 and 1932. He has been a member of the United States Senate since 1939.



SENATOR JOHN W. BRICKER

A graduate of Ohio State University College of Law in 1920, Senator Bricker first entered public life in 1923 as Assistant Ohio Attorney General, took over the post of Attorney General in 1933, and just six years later was elected Governor of the Buckeye State. He was re-elected twice, in 1941 and 1943. He was unsuccessful in his Republican candidacy for the vice presidency of the United States in 1944, but in 1946 won his race for the U. S. Senate. In World War I Senator Bricker served as a first lieutenant.

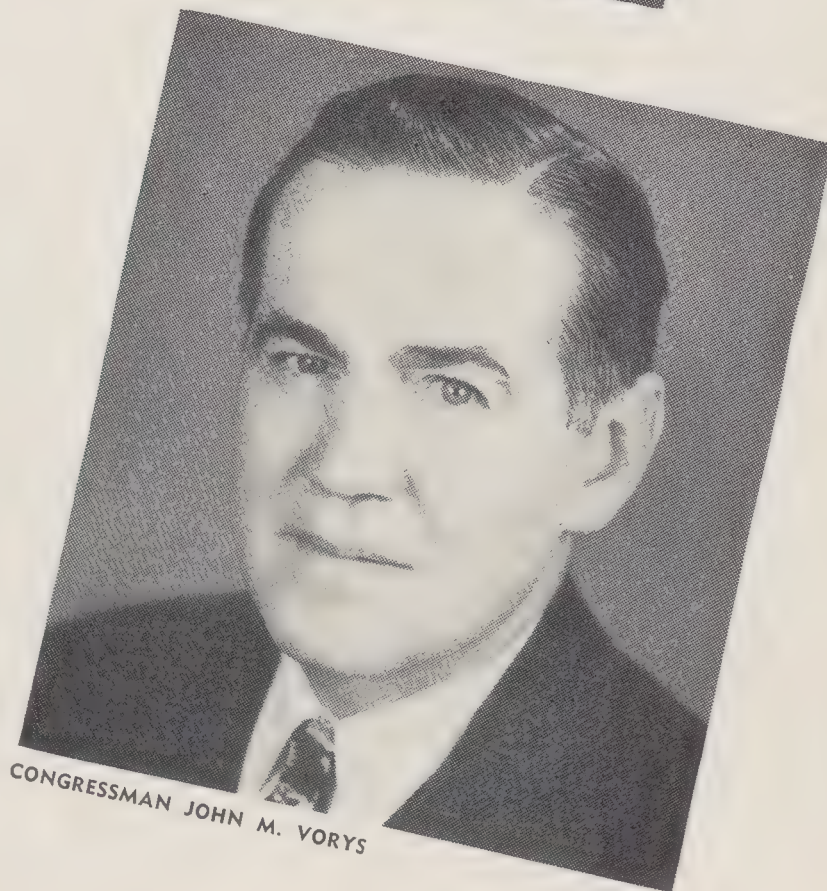
Guests

A successful newspaper owner and publisher, Congressman Brown also has found success along political lines. He was elected Lieutenant Governor of Ohio in 1919; Secretary of State in 1923, and has been delegate from Ohio to various Republican National Conventions. He is the Republican National Committeeman and is a member of the Executive Committee of that body. Mr. Brown was elected to the 76th Congress in 1939 from the Seventh Ohio District.



CONGRESSMAN CLARENCE J. BROWN

The name of Congressman Vorys always has been associated with aviation in his home state. In World War I Mr. Vorys served overseas with the U. S. Naval Air Service as a pilot. He was Ohio's first Director of Aeronautics in 1929, and in 1942 was one of those unsung civilian heroes who flew tiny planes over the Atlantic Ocean, spotting submarines for the Civil Air Patrol. He has been a member of Congress from the Twelfth Ohio District since 1938.



CONGRESSMAN JOHN M. VORYS



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Air Force Association Squadron Song



Music by David C. Moore

Words by Willis S. Fitch

G Gb G# G G7th C C G
 HAIL TO THE SQUAD - RON HAIL TO THE WING.....
 D7th Db D7th G G A7th A7th
 HAIL TO ALL THE A F A WITH WHOM WE PROUD - LY
 D7th G7th B7th Em1
 SING..... WE'VE HAD OUR PART IN VIC - TO - RY..... FOR
 A7th D7th G
 PEACE WE STEER OUR COURSE..... SO RAISE YOUR GLASS - ES
 G D7th G Am1 Am1 E7th Cm16
 LIFT THEM HIGH KEEP YOUR PLEDGE TO RULE THE SKY
 G E7th A7th D7th G
 HAIL.....TO THE U. S. AIR FORCE.

The war years were filled with song and music for the American soldier, who reserves his perpetual right to raise his voice in song at the slightest pretext and under the worst conditions. Along with "Roll Me Over," "Bless 'Em All," and other printable and unprintable songs, the Air Force Association recommends that you add the A.F.A. Squadron Song to your permanent collection. It's singable, has a catchy tune, and those who know music predict that it has a future as broad as any service song.

Program of Convention

SUNDAY, September 14

- 1 to 6 P.M. Air Force Mobile Ground Display, State Capitol Grounds.
1 P.M. Pre-Convention registration in Neil House Lobby.
4:30 P.M. Welcoming at Port Columbus of Pacusan Dreamboat (Col. C. S. Irvine, pilot) and Betty Jo (Lt. John Ard, pilot).

MONDAY, September 15

- 9 A.M. Blanket flight of Air Force planes over the city, and parade by Air Force Band.
9:15 A.M. to noon Registration of delegates, members and guests in Neil House lobby.
11 A.M. to 7 P.M. Air Force Mobile Ground Display, State Capitol Grounds.
12 o'clock Noon Luncheon in Neil House Ballroom, with welcome by Governor Thomas J. Herbert—James H. Doolittle, toastmaster—Introduction of Eddie Rickenbacker and Joe E. Brown, and address by the Hon. W. Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Air Force.
2 P.M. to 5 P.M. Convening of Assembly at Memorial Hall, with invocation by Air Force Chaplain (Col.) Charles I. Carpenter.
Address by J. H. Doolittle.
Reports by A.F.A. officers and committee chairmen.
Addresses by Maj. Gen. Howard Davidson and Brig. Gen. Dean C. Strother.
6 to 7 P.M. Delegates' cocktail reception in the ballroom of Deshler Hotel
7:15 P.M. Banquet—Neil House Ballroom.
Toastmaster—E. P. Curtis, Vice President, A.F.A.
Address by General Carl A. Spaatz.
Address by General Dwight D. Eisenhower.
8 to 11 P.M. Air Force Mobile Ground Display, State Capitol Grounds.
9 to 10 P.M. Concert by Air Force Band on State Capitol Grounds, with Major George S. Howard conducting.
10 P.M. Reunions of the numbered Air Forces on the Mezzanine floor of the Neil House, with individual groupings for each Air Force. Continuous Air Force movies to 11:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, September 16

- 9:30 A.M. Second Assembly Session for Convention business.
Address by Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer.
11 A.M. to 7 P.M. Air Force Mobile Ground Display, State Capitol Grounds.
12 o'clock Noon Luncheon at Neil House.
Toastmaster—Meryll Frost, Vice President, A.F.A.
Address by Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg.
Address by General George C. Kenney.
2 P.M. Third Assembly Session for Convention business.
Address by Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay.
Election of A.F.A. officers and adoption of resolutions.
8 P.M. Banquet at Neil House Ballroom.
Toastmaster—A.F.A. President-elect.
Introduction of speaker by J. H. Doolittle.
Address by the Hon. Robert H. Jackson, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

CLOSE OF CONVENTION

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